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(54) Title: A NOVEL METHOD OF DIAGNOSING, MONITORING, STAGING, IMAGING AND TREATING BREAST CANCER

(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a new method for detecting, diagnosing, monitoring, staging, prognosticating, imaging and treating breast cancer.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) :Please See Extra Sheet.
US CL :435/6, 7.1, 91.2; 536/23.5, 24.31; 424/174.1; 530/388.1, 388.8

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/6, 7.1, 91.2; 536/23.5, 24.31; 424/174.1; 530/388.1, 388.8

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,668,267 A (WATSON et al) 16 September 1997, columns 6 and 7.	1-5
Y	WO 98/18945 A (ABBOTT LABORATORIES) 07 May 1998, pages 4, 7, 46 and 87.	1-5, 7, 9
X	US 5,759,776 A (SMITH et al) 02 June 1998, column 16.	1

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

21 SEPTEMBER 1999

Date of mailing of the international search report

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APS; WEST Derwent files; DIALOG: Medline, Biosis, Embase, Scisearch, CA; GenBank/EMBL, n-geneseq
search terms: breast, mammary, tumor, carcinoma, cancer, mRNA, protein, antibody, SEQ ID NO: 1-5

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference DEX-0040	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US99/16811	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 JULY 1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 04 AUGUST 1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
Applicant DIADEXUS LLC		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 29 FEBRUARY 2000	Date of completion of this report 05 SEPTEMBER 2000
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703) 305-3230	Authorized officer CARLA MYERS Telephone No. (703) 308-0196

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/16811

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 1-31, as originally filed
 pages NONE, filed with the demand
 pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages 32-34, as originally filed
 pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages NONE, filed with the demand
 pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

 the drawings:

pages NONE, as originally filed
 pages NONE, filed with the demand
 pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages 1-7, as originally filed
 pages NONE, filed with the demand
 pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>6-14</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>6, 8, 10-14</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-5, 7, and 9</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-5 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Watson et al (herein after 'Watson'). Watson teaches methods for diagnosing breast cancer by detecting levels of mammoglobin mRNA in tissues or bodily fluids of a patient and comparing the levels of mammoglobin to those obtained in control, normal tissues or bodily fluids wherein the presence of increased levels of mammoglobin is indicative of the presence of breast cancer (see, for example, col. 6, and 8-9). Watson teaches that mammoglobin is expressed in tumor and normal breast tissue, but is not expressed in non-breast tissues (col. 6). Accordingly, mammoglobin is considered to be a breast specific gene (BSG). Watson (col. 6) further teaches that detection of mammoglobin can be used to diagnose metastatic breast cancer and to stage breast cancer.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 9 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Abbott Laboratories. Abbott Laboratories teaches nucleic acids comprising the BS106 gene and sequences having at least 50% identity with this gene and thereby teaches nucleic acids which comprises a sequence identical to instant SEQ ID NO: 1. The reference teaches that BS106 is expressed specifically in breast tissue and therefore the BS106 gene is considered to be a "BSG". Abbott Laboratories teaches that the BS106 gene can be used to diagnose, stage or monitor the progression of breast cancer and can be used to detect metastatic breast cancer (see for example, pages 3-4). It is stated that samples to be assayed may include blood, urine, saliva and stool. Abbott Laboratories does not specifically exemplify methods in which breast cancer is diagnosed by detecting an increase in the level of nucleic acids encoding BS106. However, in view of the teachings of Abbott Laboratories, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have applied the method of Abbott Laboratories for detecting BS106 nucleic acids to a means for diagnosing breast cancer in order to have provided an effective and rapid means for the early diagnosis of breast cancer and metastatic breast cancer and for determining the stage of breast cancer.

(Continued on Supplemental Sheet.)

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CLASSIFICATION:

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V. 2. REASONED STATEMENTS - CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Continued):

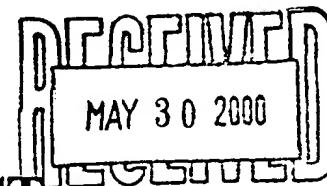
Claims 6, 8 and 10-14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest nucleic acids comprising SEQ ID NO :2-4.

Claims 1-14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), for industrial applicability.

— NEW CITATIONS —

NONE

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference DEX-0040		REPLY DUE	within TWO months from the above date of mailing
International application No. PCT/US99/16811	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 JULY 1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 04 AUGUST 1998	
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1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the opinion
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3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 04 DECEMBER 2000

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

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1. statement

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TIME LIMIT:

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----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
 (PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 02 May 2000 (02.05.00)	
International application No. PCT/US99/16811	Applicant's or agent's file reference DEX-0040
International filing date (day/month/year) 22 July 1999 (22.07.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 04 August 1998 (04.08.98)
Applicant SUN, Yongming et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

29 February 2000 (29.02.00)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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